

My Neighborhood...



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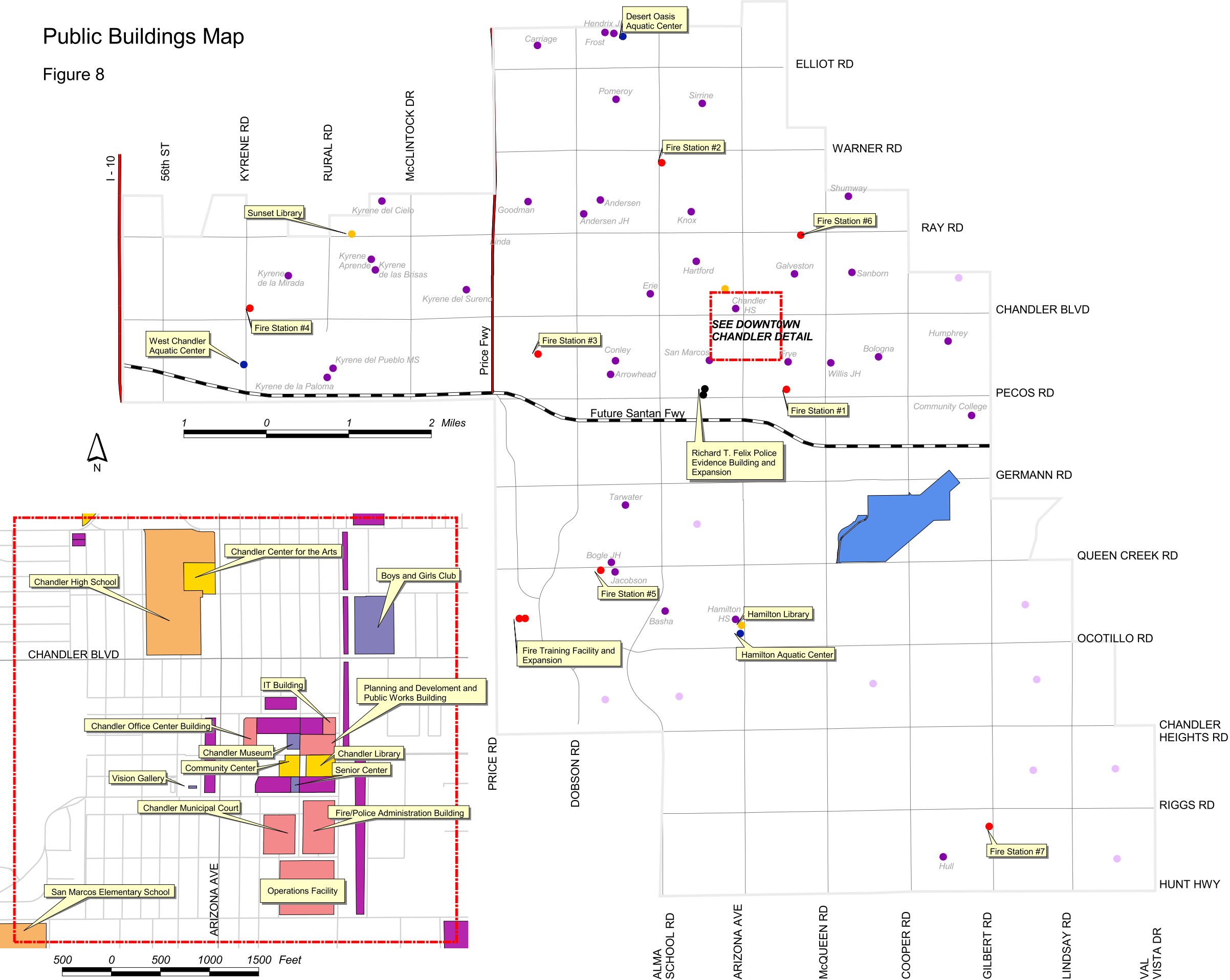
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Introduction

The City owns and operates many buildings that serve the public (see Figure 8, Public Buildings Map). Some house administrative offices, some serve community functions such as libraries and cultural centers. This Element includes goals, objectives and policies that address the need for these structures over the next decade.

Public Buildings Map

Figure 8



Public Buildings Map

The Public Buildings Map shows the locations of civic and community centers, public schools, libraries, police and fire stations, and other public buildings.



Legend

Public Buildings

- Downtown Chandler
- School
- Future School
- Chandler Municipal Planning Area
- Fire Station
- Police Department
- Public Building
- Parking
- Airport
- Public Building
- Public School
- Administrative Building
- Other

Note: facility outlines shown on map represent general locations of facilities, not building footprints.



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Library Facilities

Current Situation

The Downtown Chandler Public Library has served the community for more than forty years. In 1995 the library was relocated and expanded. The Hamilton Branch of the Chandler Public Library opened on August 4, 1998. This branch library is a shared use facility serving the public and Hamilton High School. The 18,000 square foot library currently houses approximately 32,000 volumes. The Sunset Library, located at the northeast corner of Ray and Rural Roads, serves the west side of the City. There are plans for a 25,000 square foot library in Southeast Chandler.

Future Trends

The completion of the Southeast Chandler Library should address demand over the next decade. However, to remain useful to the community, the Chandler libraries must remain current with technology. As downtown Chandler develops, the Downtown Library will need to remain as one of the Community's focal points and gathering places.

Planning Issues

Chandler has undertaken a process of research and planning to identify the best strategic directions for the next several years. Chandler libraries must continue to respond to growth while improving current services and addressing issues such as diversity and expectations. Chandler should continue to provide activities and involve its residents in its libraries.

Goals, Objectives and Policies

GOAL: ENHANCE THE LIBRARY'S ABILITY TO MEET THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

OBJECTIVE: CONTINUE TO OPERATE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS A FOCAL POINT FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

Policy: Continue to provide space for public meetings within library facilities.

Policy: Continue to develop library programs that make libraries gathering places for the community.

Policy: Develop partnerships with agencies involved with historical sites, museums, and downtown development.

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Municipal Facilities

Current Situation

The City of Chandler administrative offices and main library are clustered in the downtown area around a central courtyard. City administration is currently housed in approximately 30,000 square feet of leased office space. A new City Hall located in the downtown area, is planned to be constructed in phases. This new facility will address future administrative needs for City functions.

Future Trends

The growing population and increase in housing will require municipal facilities that can address the needs of the residents. These have been addressed in the City Center Campus Plan, as adopted by the City Council in May 2001.

Planning Issues

The development of municipal facilities in the downtown area should follow the City Center Campus Plan as approved by Council.

The City Campus Center Plan addresses the following key points:

- Projecting the needs for new facilities.
- Budgeting for the needs of new facilities in the Capital Improvement Program.

Goals, Objectives and Policies

GOAL: PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO SERVICE THE PUBLIC.

OBJECTIVE: Provide adequate facilities for City administrative services.

Policy: Design and build Phase I of the new City Hall Complex and design Phase II.

Policy: Monitor demands on City agencies and population growth and continue to program facilities to maintain high levels of service.

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School Facilities

Current Situation

The City of Chandler is served by the Chandler, Kyrene, Gilbert, Mesa Unified and Tempe Union High School Districts (see Figure 9, School District Boundary Map.) The Chandler District is one of the fastest-growing districts in the State. The district has opened seven schools in the 1990's, and now consists of 17 elementary, three junior highs and two high schools. The District serves students in Chandler and Gilbert. The Kyrene School District is comprised of nineteen elementary schools and six middle schools, which serve approximately 20,000 students from portions of Chandler, Guadalupe, Tempe, Phoenix and the Gila River Indian Community. There are 5,385 Chandler students that attend Kyrene schools. The Mesa Unified School District includes four elementary schools and one junior high located in Chandler. The District serves 3,888 Chandler students. The Tempe Union High District serves 2,050 Chandler students at seven high schools. The Gilbert Unified School District covers only about one square mile of the City, and does not have any facilities within the City limits.

Future Trends

The City will continue to partner with the school districts in order to ensure that facilities are located and shared for the greatest public benefit.

Planning Issues

Chandler's population continues to grow and the City will need to continue to work with the five school districts that serve Chandler residents, to provide quality facilities for students as well as the general public. The City also has the opportunity to work with the districts to provide facilities that serve students and the public at large when existing facilities are renovated.

Goals, Objectives and Policies

GOAL: FACILITATE THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF SCHOOLS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHANDLER RESIDENTS.

OBJECTIVE: Work with school districts to provide multiple use facilities that serve students and the public at large.

OBJECTIVE: Work with school districts to identify locations that benefit the community and address land use, circulation and environmental issues.

Policy: Maintain communications with school districts ensuring they have reviewed new developments proposed within Chandler, and given the opportunity to provide written comment.

